

# Tontemboan language

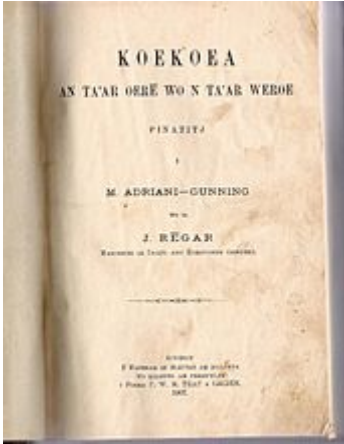
**Tontemboan** is an Austronesian language, of northern Sulawesi, Indonesia. It is a Minahasan language, a sub-group of the Philippine languages.<sup>[3]</sup>

Other names and dialect names are: "Makela'i-Maotow, Makelai, Matana'i-Maore', Matanai, Pakewa, Sonder, Tompakewa, Tompaso, Tountemboan."<sup>[4]</sup>

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## Vocabulary

Tontemboan	
<b>Native to</b>	Indonesia
<b>Region</b>	northern Sulawesi
<b>Native speakers</b>	(150,000 cited 1990) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	<div>Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Philippine<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minahasan<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>North<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Tontemboan</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	tnt
<b>Glottolog</b>	tont1239 ( <span>http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/tont1239</span> ) <sup>[2]</sup>



Tontemboan Bible, by M. Adriani-Gunning and J. Regar, published in 1907 by Firma P.W.M Trap, Leiden, Holland.

English	Tontemboan	Pronunciation
one	esa	
two	rua	
three	tellu	
four	epat	
five	lima	
six	enem	
seven	pitu	
eight	wallu	
nine	siou	
ten	mapulu	
north	monge	
south	meko	
west	mako	
east	mico	
water	rano	
shower	lemele	
eat	kuman	
work	tamawoy	
fire	api	
ear	lunteng	
cold	utin	
large	wangkər	
I	aku	
you	angko	
know	-taʔu	
say	nuwu	

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## Usage

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As of 2013, an estimated 100,000 people speak the language, but it is not being passed on to children. It is used in an area around Langoan, Sonder, Suluun and Amurang.<sup>[6]</sup> Documentation of the language assembled by missionaries a century ago is relatively inaccessible to Tontemboan speakers, as it is written in the Dutch language. As of 2013, the Endangered Language Alliance is organizing a series of Tontemboan language events in New York City.<sup>[7]</sup>

In 1907, Firma P.W.M Trap, Leiden, Holland published a Bible in the Tontemboan language. It was edited by M. Adriani-Gunning and J. Regar.

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## External links

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- OLAC resources in and about the Tontemboan language (<http://www.language-archives.org/language/tnt>)
  - Tontemboan Gospel of Mark ([https://web.archive.org/web/20131016141503/http://208.72.3.146/find\\_a\\_bible/?Language=tnt](https://web.archive.org/web/20131016141503/http://208.72.3.146/find_a_bible/?Language=tnt))
  - The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11: 1-9) (<http://www.omniglot.com/babel/tontemboan.htm>)
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